

REMARKS

The indication that claims 5, 10 and 11 are objected to and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, is acknowledged. By the present amendment, claims 5, 10 and 11 have been rewritten in independent form, such that applicants submit that these claims should now be in condition for allowance.

Also, by the present amendment, in light of the objection to the title, the title has been amended to now recite "Image Pick-Up Device", and thereby, the title is now more clearly indicative of the claimed invention which is directed to an image pick-up device. Furthermore, dependent claims 12 and 13 have been amended to depend from objected to claim 11, which has been written in independent form, such that dependent claims 12 and 13 should be considered allowable with parent claim 11.

Since the rejection of claims 1 - 4, 6 - 9 and 12 - 14 over the cited art has been obviated or overcome by the cancellation of claims 1 - 4, 6 - 9 and 14 and the amendment of claims 12 and 13 to depend from objected to claim 11, which claim 11 has been written in independent form, applicants submit that the rejections have been obviated or overcome and a discussion of the cited art is considered unnecessary.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants submit that claims 5, 10 and 11 - 13, the only claims remaining in this application should now be in condition for allowance, and issuance of an action of a favorable nature is courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli,

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